Surplus Staff in ONGC

7796. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 45% of the staff of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in the Central region is surplus;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the amount of monthly salary etc. being paid to the surplus staff;

(d) what are the reasons for non-utilisation of their services in other regions; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Reduction in the Output from Oil Reserves in Assam

7797. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the output in the oil reserves in Assam has shown substantial downward trend during the past few years;

(b) if so, what is the comparative decline in the output of oil in the Assam oil reserves since 1990 (till-date);

(c) what is its likely impact on the coming up refinery in the State; and

(d) what exercises have been made to explore and to exploit the oil reserves in the State of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b)

Year	Production (Million Tonnes)
1990-91	5.07
1991-92	4.99
1992-93	4.98
1993-94	5.08

(c) Does not arise. In view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) Efforts being made to step up crude oil production in the Eastern region include deployment of additional rigs; Utilization of superior technology; increasing the number of wells on artifical lift; enhancement in water injection levels, security cover, exploratory efforts; etc.

Appointment of Dealers for SKO products in Orissa

7798. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blocks in the State of Orissa are without any wholesale dealers for SKO products; and

(b) if so, whether Government of India are taking steps on top priority to appoint at least one wholesaler in each block as in the entire State consisting of 314 blocks only 170 SKO dealers are operating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) There is no policy to set up at least one SKO/LDO dealership in each block in the country. Such facilities are planned and set up in different areas and locations on the basis of demand potential, economic viability and product availability. Accordingly, seven SKL/LDO dealership for Orissa have been included in the current Marketing Plan.